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FOR NEA/AFN BISHOP; ALGIERS FOR AMBASSADOR HAYNES

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SEDU, MO, US, AG  
SUBJ: SUGGESTED BRIEFING OF MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ON U.S.-ALGERIAN  
EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

REF: ALGIERS 2135

1. THE EXCELLENT REFTEL FROM ALGIERS, PUTTING INTO BALANCED  
PRESPECTIVE OUR SIGNIFICANT AND GROWING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL  
RELATIONSHIP WITH ALGERIA, IS ESPECIALLY STRIKING IN THAT THE  
GREAT BULK OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IS FINANCED BY GOA, OBVIOUSLY  
BECAUSE OF THE CLEAR BENEFITS TO ALGERIA OF THE PROGRAMS NOW  
UNDERWAY.

2. WE ARE FREQUENTLY ASKED BY WIDE RANGE OF MOROCCAN OFFICIALS  
WHY USG DOES NOT FINANCE INCREASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR  
BENEFIT OF MOROCCO. RECOMMEND NEA BRIEF MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR  
BENGELLOUN ON THE DETAILS OF ALGERIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AND  
CULTURAL COOPERATION IN THIS CONTEXT, EMPHASISING THAT SAME  
COOPERATION AVAILABLE TO GOM IF IT WILLING TO DEVOTE NECESSARY  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

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3. SUCH A BRIEFING WOULD ALSO HELP TO ALLAY BROADER MOROCCAN  
SENSITIVITIES ABOUT OUR RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA. FOR EXAMPLE,  
BENGELLOUN EXPRESSED CONCERN TO ME IN MID-JULY THAT HE HAD  
LEARNED IN WASHINGTON OF PLANS FOR AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN  
ALGERIA, WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD USG "SANCTION." IN EARLY JUNE,  
KING'S SISTER-IN-LAW, PRINCESS LAMIA, ASKED ME ABOUT A REPORT  
THAT THE USG WAS PLANNING A \$46 MILLION HIGH SCHOOL CAPABLE OF

HANDLING 6,000 PUPILS IN ALGIERS. WHILE THESE RUMORS PROVED TO BE GROUNDLESS, THE MOROCCAN REACTION UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTED A FEAR THAT THE U.S. WAS BECOMING MORE FRIENDLY TOWARD ALGERIA, PROBABLY TO MOROCCO'S DETRIMENT. LAYING OUR CARDS ON THE TABLE WITH BENGELLOUN NOW COULD THUS FORESTALL FUTURE RUMORS OF THIS NATURE AND HELP PLACE THE BURDEN OF INCREASED AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION WITH MOROCCO WHERE IT BELONGS, ON THE GOM. WE WILL ALSO BE DRAWING ON REFTEL AS APPROPRIATE WHEN SUBJECT ARISES HERE.

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